

## Emergency Medical Services Operations Committee Minutes

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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 15, 1998

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

R D Hollenbeck	Alan McCoy
Tom Kitchens	Dennis Rose
John Grolich	R Brent Meadows

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Sherrie Crain	Rebecca Blagrove
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#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Beal	Don Amber
Michael Keever	Jim Rosenau
Tim Taylor	Barbara Burke, MD
James Cooper	

#### GUESTS:

Jerry Key

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Rose.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Kitchens and a second by Alan McCoy.

#### AMBULANCE ACCIDENT STUDY

Sherrie Crain presented a summary of the 1997 accident reports received from the State Police. Jerry Key suggested that the Committee study the NHTSA report regarding ambulance driving training. Some of its recommendations may be appropriate for Indiana.

#### WAIVERS for CRITICAL CARE TRANSFERS

Ms. Crain reported that she spoke with Bill Nicholson and he suggested that it was not a good idea for waivers to be granted on a "blanket" basis since all waivers must be decided on individual merit. He felt it would be acceptable to set guidelines for the waiver request process and to suggest rule changes based on waiver request.

It was suggested that perhaps we need a definition in the rules for "Specialty Vehicle." The committee may also want to consider the difference between "Prehospital" and "Post-Hospital Admission" transfers.

Mr. Rose tabled the topic pending additional direction from the Commission. He requested that when the committee studies the issue that it be given copies of what waivers are in place and information as to why they were granted.

#### EQUIPMENT CRITERIA

The committee discussed its assignment to recommend criteria for ambulance equipment. Rebecca Blagrove stated that one of the reasons criteria are needed is that sometimes the District Managers are not sure if a particular piece of equipment meets the intent of the rules. Consistency becomes a problem.

The committee discussed several options including: establishing objectives for various devices, requiring Medical Directors to approve provider's equipment, researching standards set by various national organizations, surveying other states for established standards, setting criteria in a way that prevents product endorsement.

The committee agreed that it needs additional direction from the Commission. Tom Kitchens offered a motion that the Commission be asked to limit the review of devices to specific equipment issues referred to the committee by staff. Second by John Grolich. The motion passed.

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE MANUAL

Mr. Rose asked the committee to review the operational sections of the Quality Assurance Manual and be prepared to discuss it at the next committee meeting. A copy of the operational section will be mailed to all committee members.

**OTHER**

Brent Meadows offered to host the next meeting at Indianapolis Fire Department. A map will be included with the next meeting notice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

The meeting will begin at noon and be held at Indianapolis Fire Department Headquarters. See map.

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